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At the age of 16, he entered the academy at Wankegan, Ill., and two years later began teaching at Wanconda, Ill. In 1858, he entered the University of Michigan, leaving to take charge of the schools at Richmond, Ill. Two years later he resigned the position and went to Elkhorn, Wis., where, for a brief time, he was associate editor and proprietor of The Independent. In 1864, he enlisted in Company D, 40th Wis. Vols., and served as 2nd Lieutenant. It was during his residence at Elkhorn, Wis., that he wrote the beautiful hymn, "In the Sweet By-and-By." The hymn was written principally to cheer up his friend, J. P. Webster, who was his associate in the music business. Since its completion it has gained for its author a place in the ranks of the world's famous poets. It is published in numerous collections of sacred music in America, and is translated into various foreign languages and sung in every land under the sun. The author had a copy of the hymn in Chinese.

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EXPRESSION.

Expression is not the sole property of the mini-eian. It belongs just as much to the actor, the elo-eutionist or the public reader. The whole matter of study versus spontonety has been discussed thoroughly by actors, and artists like Coquelin, Bernhardt, and Irving have given their views. The question was whether the actor ought to prepare before his actions, looks, gestures, and intonations, or trust to the inspiration of the moment. That was one phase of the matter. Another question or trust to the inspiration of the moment. That was one phase of the matter. Another question then arose. Should the actor actually feel the emotions of the seene, or coldly simulate them by carefully prepared symbols? In other words, could he act with expression if he was not earried away by his temperament during the performance, but engaged in doing everything with pure intellectual method?

Now if you ask the actor about this, says an Ex Now if you ask the actor about this, says an Exchange, he will answer according to his kind. If he is in the habit of trusting to the inspiration of the moment, he will tell you that the purely intellectual method is cold and valueless. If he is in the habit of doing everything according to east-iron rules, he will tell you that temperament is of no consequence whatever.

He must be able to understand the emotions of every scene in his part before he can convey them to the audience. His first step is to study the personality of the part he has to act. The commonest actor knows that. The actor, having formed his general conception, proceeds to study out the details by which he is to convey that conception to his andience. He studies first those details of walk, the conception of the studies of the studi speech, manuer, gesture, etc., which are inseparable from the character as a whole. Next he plans the especial effects which are to give point and significance to particular seenes. Having done all this work, the actor relies upon his temperament to infuse the notes of genuine feeling into the whole. He prepares himself to read a certain speech in a certain way, but his temperament puts the ring of sinprepares nimsett to read a certain speech in a certain way, but his temperament puts the ring of sincerity into that certain way. In a measure the true actor does feel the emotion of the seene, but the method by which he conveys that emotion to the audience is the result of study.

The method of expression as practiced by the actor is also that of the musician. It is easiest to perceive the resemblance when the case is that of a singer, for here the musician uses all the appren

a singer, for here the musician uses all the apparatus of the actor, except speech, for which he substituter song. Has anyone ever heard Jean de Reszke sing "Salut Demeure" in different ways on different nights? That is only a single number, you may say. Has anyone ever known him to present a Board different from that which is fountline. you may say. Has anyoue ever known him to present a Faust different from that which is familiar to us? If not, why not? Jean de Reszke has a powerful temperament. Why does it not make him play Faust with a different expression sometimes? Because the conception of Faust that the great tenor presents to us is the result of thought and study, not of spontaneous impulse. Sometimes M. de Reszke plays Faust with more intensity than at others. That is one effect of temperament, which, being an emotional thing, may be strengthened or weakened by physical conditions. But the ened or weakened by physical conditions. Each the conception of the part and the methods of expressing that conception are always the same. If they were not, there would be no conception, and hence no art.

The whole truth of the matter appears to be this,

that the temperament must operate in eonjunction with the intellect in the preliminary work to the extent of supplying the element of sympathetic feeling, and in the actual business of performance to the extent of infusing life into it. One writer says: "In a perfect conductor mechanical excel-lence must be accompanied with knowledge, feeling, appreciation, enthusiasm, poetry, and the highest qualities of the musician." It is the same with

But the best hint as to the province of the temperament in the preparatory study, without which perament in the preparatory study, without which no correct conception of a composition can be formed, is to be obtained from what was said about acting. The assertion that the actor can not simulate any emotion which he is incapable of feeling applies to musical art. No player can express what he can not feel. Neither can he conceive it. When he is engaged in the study of a composition, he will fail to detect its emotional content upless. he will fail to detect its emotional content unless that content awakens kindred emotions in his own

The true interpretative musician must be able to find within his own breast all the heaven and the hell of human feeling as poured into music by the geniuses of the art. He must be able to praise God joyously with Haydn, to sing in the sunlight of flowered valleys with Mozart, to thunder like fate at the portals of human life with Beethoven, to hear in some wild lament of Tsehaikowsky a vast Æolian harp of swept heart-stringson grief-trodden steppes, to find in Wagner 'tears from the depths of some divine despair.'

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But when he has found, he must absorb, assimilate, and make ready to give forth again as a part

of himself. He must take thought as to how he will do this. He must reduce the impulses of temperament to a method, for he is an artist, and there is no such thing as art without method. He must s no such thing as art without method. He must say to himself: ''How can I make all this known say to himself: "How can I make all this known to my hearers? And the moment he says 'How he precludes all possibility of doing the thing with ont preparation, on the impulse of the moment. He may, while playing or singing, feel the music most intersely, but that feeling will not make him play or sing differently from what he has convinced himself is the right way. It will make him do it himself is the right way. It will make him do it with deeper and more influential emotional force, and that is how temperament manifests itself.

REAL INDIAN MUSIC.

Oue of Prof. Max Müller's many interesting friends whom he is telling the world about now-adays bore the name of Dvarkanath Tagore. He was a Hindu, the representative of one of the greatest and richest families of India, and he made his ap-pearance in Paris in 1844, where Professor Müller made his acquaintauce. One morning, while visiting at the Hindu's apartments, Professor Müller asked him to give a specimen of Indian music. We quote from the Professor's narrative in Cosmopolis:
"He sang first of all what is ealled Indian, but is

eally Persian music, without any style or character. This was not what I wanted, and I asked whether he did not know some pieces of real Indian music. He smiled and turned away. 'You would not appreciate it,' he said; but, as I asked him again and again, he sat down to the pianoforte, and, after a few notes because I was striking a few notes, began to sing. I confess I was somewhat taken abaek. I could discern neither melody, nor rhythm, nor harmony in what he sang; but, when I told him so, he shook his head and said: You are all alike; if anything seems strange to you and does not please you at ouce, you turn away.
When I first heard Italian music, it was no music to
me at all; but I went on and on till I began to like
it, or what you call understand it. It is the same it, or what you call understand it. It is the same with everything else. You say our religion is no religion, our poetry no poetry, our philosophy no philosophy. We try to understand whatever Europe ligion, our poetry no poetry, our philosophy no philosophy. We try to understand whatever Europe has produced, but do not imagine that therefore we despise what India has produced. If you studied our music as we do yours, you would find that there is melody, rhythm and harmony in it, quite as much as in yours. And if you would study our poetry, our religion, and our philosophy, you would find that we are not what you eall pagans or misereants, but know as much of the Unknowable as you do, and have seen perhaps even deeper into it than you have! He was not far wrong.

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"He became quite eloquent and excited, and to pacify him I told him that I was quite aware that India possessed a science of music, founded, as far as I could see, on mathematics. I had examined some Sanskrit MSS. on music, but I confessed that I could not make head or tail of them. I once consulted Professor Wilson, on the subject who had sulted Professor Wilson on the subject, who had spent many years in India and was himslf a musi-eian. But he did not eucourage me. He told me that, while in India, he had been to a native teacher of music who professed to understand the old books. He had expressed himself willing to teach him, on eondition that he would come to him two or three times a week. Then at the end of a year he would be able to tell him whether he was fit to learn mus e, whether he was an adhikarin, a fit eandidate, and in five years he promised him that he might master both the theory and the practice of music master both the theory and the practice of music! That was too much for an Indian eivilian who had his hands full of work, and though he learnt many things from Pundits, Prof. H. H. Wilson, then, I believe, Master of the Mint, and holding several other appointments, had to give up all idea of becoming apprentice for five years to a teacher of music. Dvarkanath Tagore was much amused, but he quite admitted that five years was the shortest time in which any man could hope to thoroughly master the intricacies of ancient Hindu music, and I too gave up in consequence all hope of ever mastering such texts as the Sangita-ratnakara, the Treasury of Symphony, and similar texts, though they have often tempted my euriosity in the library of the East Indian House."

The true endeavor of the music student or the music lover should be to stimulate and develop in himself, as far as possible, a discriminating insight into the vital principles of his art, the power to perceive the life beneath the shell, the soul within its ceive the life beneath the shell, the soul within its symmetrical form; to distinguish and analyze for himself and others the different phas s of emotion which it awakens: to follow the subtle train of thought or faney which it suggests; thus making of art's temple, not a banqueting hall for the indulgence of sensuous pleasure, but a sanctuary for soul elevation, for mind and heart training, a place from which he shall come forth daily nobler and wiser.

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NEW ART FOR OLD.

What is much needed at the present day are a few guiding laws by which art work may be estimated and its merits or defects be thus placed beyond the line of doubt. Independence in matters artistic has its advantages, says the American Art Journal, but it also has the capital defect of making criticism impossible. When a musician writes a bad symphony, he claims that his individuality is superior to law or art canons, and that what the critics consider of sents correctly are proportional constraints. eomplain of as faults are the particular merits upon which the vitality of his work depends. The literary workman gives loving descriptions of vice, and when protests are made, accuses the critic of being a nice man with nasty ideas, or, with offended dig-nity, argues that he has the same rights as the morbid anatomist, and that he describes fonlness beeause it exists. In painting, the artist vindicates his right to represent degradation because he simply uses the disgusting as the means of showing his teehuieal skill.

Art has increased its limits, but it has not followed the law of evolution; in place of becoming more definite and coherent, it has become more indefinite and incoherent; the land of art has been overrun by hordes of irregular soldiers and free laneers who produce chaos instead of order. The erimes committed in the name of liberty are nowhere in stronger evidence than in this same art land, and here, as elsewhere, if the license is not restricted the result can be nothing else than anar-ehy. Genius makes its own laws; but the misfor-tune is that we are living in an era wherein genius is conspicuously absent, and if respectable medicerity is to do its best work, it should be compelled to at least be told what is expected of it, and should at least be told what is expected of it, and should be taught the difference between coarse, unlovable ugliness and ideal beauty. The distinction is useful to remember, for, although beauty has been disearded from a large portion of our modern art and literature it has a cortain restraining influence on those who have gone in quest of it which is not without practical profit. A modern statuary, although he deals only in marble leprosy, is less dangerously infectious if he has devoted some of his time to the study of old Greek seulpture; he has done as badly as he could do, but not as badly as he might have done had he heep left in modern ignorates. might have done had he been left in modern igno-

Originality does not consist in escaping from orm, but in the worth of ideas; a tune is no more old-fashioned now than it was in the time of Mozart and it has been branded as obsolete simply because the inventive powers of respectable mediocrity are incapable of producing it. In an era of art-license the difficult is avoided, easy eccentricity becomes fashionable, and incapacity founds its claims for admiration on what it is unable to do. In the same way, lovers of art are taught to look for and admire, not what is done, but what is left out; are expected to admire the gutter or the mannre heap because of the beauty of summer flowers and the lusciousness of autumn fruit. The large tolerance of our era has helped to crowd book-stalls and fill picture-galleries, but it has not helped to advance art or literature. Our art at its worst produces those imitations of Japanese tea-screens seeu at every art exhibition, and at its best a carefully delicate and irresponsible Burne Jones History repeats itself, particularly in the direction of medicerity, and the passing hobbies of to-day were the convictions of yesterday, but the surrender of capital art laws to individual caprice is characteristic of our days alone. A return to the old method does In the same way, lovers of art are taught to look our days alone. A return to the old method does not necessarily mean a return to the old art, but to higher ideals and motives, to restrictions that are irksome only to the incompetent, and to a purity of taste that refuses to accept criminal statistics and maternity hospital reports as documents of art. In-dividualism might suffer by the change, but what was lost in vanity would be gained in art. In any ease, judging by its trivialty, sensuality and mysi-eism, any change in modern art of the fashionable kind would be a change for the better.

Frau Cosima Wagner is reported to have settled the outlines of the arrangements for the vari-ous Bayreuth festivals down to the end of the year There will be no festival this summer nor 1901. There will be no festival this summer nor in 1900, in order that the London performances of this year and the Wagner Festival, organized by M. Lamoureux in Paris for the Exhibition, may not be interfered with. In the summer of 1899, "Die Meistersinger" will be revived at Bayreuth upon a scale of great splendor, and performances will likewise be given of "Der Ring des Nibelungen," and, of conrse, of "Parsifal." In the year 1901, "The Flying Ditchman will be produced for the first time at Bayreuth. Wagner's early opera will be given in its Bayreuth. Wagner's early opera will be given in its entirety, and the seenery will be upon the most lavish seale. In that year, "Der Ring des Nibelungen" will not be performed; but "Tristan und Isolde" will be revived, and there will, of eourse, be several representations of "Parsifal."



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OPERA AS AN EDUCATIONAL FORCE.

Proposals for State aid to grand opera are finding no little favor in England. The idea is becoming familiar and popular among the musical public. The leading crities are advocating it. Fuller Maitland, in the Nineteenth Century, makes the following argument in an article cutitled "Wanted—An Opera:"

"Some kind of grant or subvention from without is absolutely essential if opera as an institution is to do a really useful work or to take a place among national enterprises. A great many Englishmen

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In the works chosen for repr stitutions as the great op ra-houses of the Continent. Even in theatrieal matters, the idea of municipal aid is slowly but surely making advances toward realization; yet the opera, if it is to exist at all as a permanent institution for the nation at large, touch in far greater need of external help them. allasa permanent institution for the nation at large, stands in far greater need of external help than does any non-operatic theatre. There is a want of logic about a system such as that which allows grants to be made to the two principal institutions for teaching music in London, without practically recognizing the need for kindred help for the young musicians who are being turned out of these seminaries every year into a profession which is rapidly being overstocked beyond all remedy. At present, the demand for the raw material to educate in one or other of the great music-schools is a large one, and every inducement is held out to promising students, but only during their career as students. All and every inducement is held out to promising students, but only during their eareer as students. All the tedious time that must clapse before even a musician with a certainty of ultimate success can begin to make his mark on the great world of London musical life is quite unprovided for; and many are the cases of absolute penury that come to the knowledge of those who are familiar with the seamy sides of the musical profession. Some means might well be devised for hindering, rather than encouraging, the entrance into the profession of all encouraging, the entrance into the profession of all classes of incompetent performers, and at the same time of providing help for those whose education in music is finished, and whose chances of making an income are very remote."

Several important conditions are thus pointed out

by the writer:
"Unless it is founded on the widest possible ba "Unless it is founded on the widest possible basis—a basis of devotion to no particular school, but to all schools of excellence of whatever date and country—the scheme must fail, though never so kindly a fairy godmother were to come down the kitchen chimney. For a time, the dictates of fashion must be disregarded; the classical repertory must be kept steadily before the public, rather than the works which come into vogne for a year or two and are then forgotten; the language employed must be English, and the performers, as far as possible, must be chosen from among English artists. There is, of course, a danger of favoritism and a certain opening for the elements of intrigue, which There is, of course, a danger of favoritism and a certain opening for the elements of intrigue, which have already wreeked so many hopeful schemes; but if a large enough body were elected or appointed to govern the institution, and if the impresarios and managers were paid servants of the governing body, not persons with interests of their own to serve, there is no reason why a subsidized operahouse should not be conducted on principles of absolute rectitude and honesty. The reins of government must of course be in the hands of persons who should represent not merely the business side of the scheme as a peenniary speculation, but the various schools of thought in music. Not only these should have a voice in the control, but the claims of the many arts that are associated with opera must be fairly represented, and nothing must be omitted that can make for the maintenance of a high standard in all departments. For example, literary skill ard in all departments. For example, literary skil in the supervision of new librettos, or in the allimportant point of providing deeent translations of the words of classical foreign operas, most go hand in hand with artistic taste applied to mounting the

MAJOR AND MINOR.

Rosenthal is now in excellent health, having played in England and Italy last month. At present he is rusticating in the Tyrol, preparing for his American tour, which opens in New York City on the evening of October 26th, in Carnegie Music

It is estimated by London musicians who re-eently petitioned for an opera house supported by the city, that, with an annual grant of \$75,000 from the City Council, a theatre could be kept open most

Pesaro, the birthplace of Rossini and the home of the conservatory directed by Maseagni, had a row in the Town Council recently, in which two Councilmen came to blows. Mayor Venerandi stepped in between, but was kuoeked down, and, strik-ing his temple against a table in his fall, was killed almost instantly.

De Kontski, whose name is known the world De Kontski, whose name is known the world over by his eelebrated composition, "The Awakening of the Lion," has recently returned to Europe after a prolonged tour in the East. He played in China and Siberia, the tour extending over a period of two years. He is now eighty-two years of age, but never wiscal a single engagement of this large yet never missed a single engagement of this long

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION FOR 1898.

ALL PREVIOUS EFFORTS SURPASSED.

Sousa and his Famous Band, and Scenic Effects of Naval Battles of the War.

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The St. Louis Exposition will open this year September 14th, and close October 20th.

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In the large Music Hall will be grand seenic effects of the naval battles of the war between the United States and Spain, On account of the great expense, a small charge will be asked.

The exhibits this year are of a character to instify the management in saying it will be equal to any in the past.

The effort has been to obtain auglity more than size The effort has been to obtain quality more than size in the pictures. No such monster painting as "Charles the Bold at Nesle," which was shown last year, will be exhibited this fall, and, unless Mr. Kurtz has made recent arrangements for larger pictures, it is likely that there will be no canvases larger than 6 feet by 8 or 9. This feature of itself will give opportunity for a high grade of excellence, since it is generally held by connoisseurs that an artist rarely does as good work on a large canvas as on a small one as on a small one.

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England, France, Holland and Spain will all be represented by paintings from some of each country's leading artists. England's greatest animal painter, Mr. J. M. Swan, is to have a large picture, the subject of which is a lioness and her embs. It is a large picture in every sense of the word, not only because of its size, but also in its treatment of the subject. A nong the works from Holland there will because of its size, but also in its treatment of the subject. Among the works from Holland there will be a seene done by Mesdag, one of the greatest of the Holland marine painters, and the commissioner of the fine arts for Holland at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. Another work from Holland will be from the hand of the late Anton Mauve, the famous cattle painter. Among the French paintings there will be pictures by the modern impressionists, Monet and Pisarro, together with others.

There will be one picture by Meissonier. It is not large, but shows the tonch of the master hand. Frederick MacMonuies, who modeled the Columbian fountain at the Wor'd's Fair and the Bacchante and child at the Boston public library, will have four bronzes on exhibition. These works are about 28 or 30 inches high, and are of his best.

The Aquarium will be a special feature of the Exposition, and will be filled with fine specimens of fish.

Altogether, this year's Exposition will surpass all past records.

The interesting and valuable eollection of Wagneriann of the late Anton Seidl is about to be trans-ferred to the Weimer Museum, of which institution t will in future form a part.

Carl Reinecke has composed a two-act opera under the title of "Die Tenfelehen auf der Himmelswiese" (the devils upon the heavenly meadows). The libretto is taken from Rudolf Baumbach's fairy tale of the same name. The opera is destined for performance by children and was tried by such at the home of the composer, where it is said to have pleased both listeners and interpreters.

A statue is about to be erceted to Schumann at Zwickau, his native town.

A musical and literary entertainment was given at Marvin M. E. Church South, Twelfth and Sidney sts., on the 4th ult. The affair proved a gratifying suecess, special credit being due Mrs. T. F. Kaut for her good work in its behalf. Among the chief features of the programme were numbers by Mrs. Myers, Miss Vest, Mr. Knoerle, Mrs. Rolke and Miss Lina Schreiber.

Great masters of art ought not to force scholars, for they can exercise on them but a very indirect influence. Without doubt it is a profit to the latter to hear a master execute a nusical work in his own style, but they will never be able to assimilate his individuality. As for the rest, they can learn it just as well from lesser professors. This, assuredly, does not prevent there being scholars who try, as much as they can, to copy their master, but who succeed only in coughing and spitting like him.—Rubinstein.

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This study should be practiced with the different fingerings indicated for the right hand, each making it a distinct study. In practicing with the upper fingering, hold the hand very quiet (the same as in the practice of finger exercises). In practicing with the lower (second) fingering, hold the wrist very loose and fully as high as the knuckles, or a little higher. This fingering offers fine practice for the changing of the fingers on notes (Keys) that are repeated, and will establish an independence of the fingers that could not be obtained by any other means.

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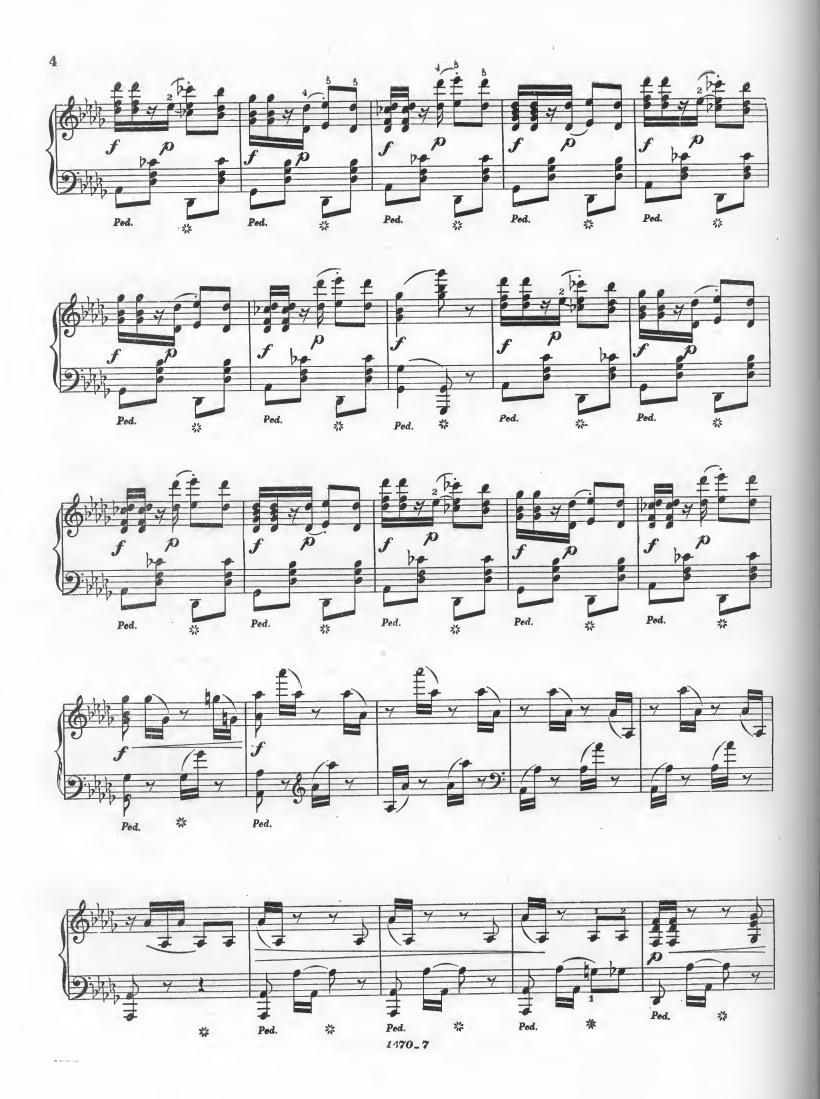
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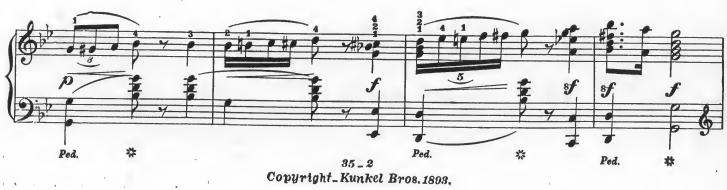
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OFFERING PRIZES.

The question has recently arisen as to whether art can be benefitted by the offcring of large prizes for the best poem, musical composition or picture on some particular subject. One distinguished English writer recently said on this subject:

"While the employment of all legitimate means towards the furtherance of art is to be commended, it is a question whether the giving of prizes can be

it is a question whether the giving of prizes can be considered such a legitimate means. Money is not the end of art, nor should it be its chief aim; and the offering of large eash prizes exeites unnatural eupidity, eauses the artist to attempt in too short a space of time or before he has reached his full development that which he should have attempted several years later, and to which he should have given two or three times the work which the limits of a competition allow."

of a competition allow."

This subject is one which is particularly interesting at this moment, says Musical Age, when from all over the world we hear of large prizes being offered for various kinds of musical compositions. We have in mind several of these prizes, which in the aggregate amount to many thousand dollars. It is all very well and very easy to give reasons why a financial incentive is an unwise one; and it is as easy to call attention to the fact that an artist's aspirations—the things which he desires most—are apt to be directly connected with opportunities for apt to be directly connected with opportunities for his improvement in his art which money alone can obtain. But, after all, who can make rules in such a matter? As Frederick Harrison said in his recent essay on style: "It is quite impossible for anyone to talk with any certainty of being able to help anyone clsc on the subject of style."

Surely if one cannot lay down a formula or two on a subject about which so much has been written and on which so much has been written and on which so mach was thought one

and on which so many great men have thought, one cannot reach any conclusion that is worthy the name on a subject in which individuality plays so

large a part.
We think that anything which will give hope to a struggling artist, which will make him feel that he stringgling artist, which will make him reet that he has a real chance to make his success unhindered by the timidity of publishers, or the mediocrity of some of our so-called great editors, must be a good thing. So we would advise our rich friends who have money, but have no particular use for it, to give it all away in prizes for the advantage of worthy artists. But if they care for art, let them be advised in the matter of the judges in such competitions. Do not offer the poor artist bread in the shape of a prize, and then give him a stone in the person of an unwise judge. Come, let us have moderation in all things, and more particularly in the things pertaining to music. If there were fewer emotional maniaes, that is, fewer people who are insane in emotional matters, we would have elearer visions, and we would all appreciate that all art, whether that of the realist or the idealist, is to tell of things as they are for the God who makes and controls those things.

MUSIC IN MANILA.

We learn from Wallace Cumming's article on Manila life in the August Century that to a lover of music Manila is a charming place. The natives have wonderful musical talent, and there were numerons bands. Those of the three regiments stanumerons bands. Those of the three regiments stationed there were remarkably good; and four afternoons each week they played in turn on the "Linneta," a sort of plaza on the shores of the bay, just ontside the old walls. I recall vividly the open-air concert, by three hundred instruments, given in honor of Prince Osear of Sweden. The glorious full moon of the tropies, far brighter than in more northern lands, shining on the quiet waters of the bay, the innumerable lights, the brilliantly dressed crowd, and the thrilling music of the mighty bands, softened in volume on the great plain, combined to erowd, and the thrilling music of the mighty bands, softened in volume on the great plain, combined to make it an occasion to be long remembered. The "Battle of Castelejos," which they played, was inspiring, and the effect was heightened by the repetition of the trumpet-calls by soldiers who were stationed at intervals far off upon the plains, while the guns on the city walls added a touch of reality.

During the height of the rainy season, from about the middle of June to the middle of September, all outdoor pursuits are suspended.

A Monument to Johannes Brahms is to be erected in Vienna; where the composer's active years were spent, and where he now lies buried between were spent, and where he now lies buried between the graves of Beethoven and Schubert. The original promoters of the enterprise found ready sympathizers outside of Austria. An appeal for subscriptions which had just been issued in England bears the signatures of Lord Hersehell, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Sir Henry Iving, Sir Walter Parratt, Sir C. H. Parry, Sir Edward Poynter, Sir George Grove, Mr. Alma Tadema, Dr. Stanford, Mr. Hensehel, Canon Wilberforce and others.

ANGLO-SAXON MUSIC.

For the laity the crowth, harp and pipe were the favorite musical instruments. The tabor was used at Anglo-saxon entertainments, but it was not so at Anglo-saxon entertainments, but it was not so popular as these three. Drums were occasionally used to heighten the effect, but they, also, do not seem to have been in high favor. While the pipe was a favorite instrument among the lower classes, such as bear dancers and exhibitors of dancing dogs, the harp, on the other hand, was the instrument of the nobility; all noble children were taught to play on the harp. Thus the King of Westnesse connuends the harp for the education of his son: "Teach him of the harp and of song; teach him to tug'o the harp with his nails sharp." Most famous knights of King Arthur were taught "harping." And we know that Alfred the Great put his knowledge of the harp to other than musical purposes. It is also worth noting that St. Aldehelm and St. also worth noting that St. Aldehelm Dunstan were renowned as harpers. In fact, a gentleman of Anglo-Saxon days was supposed to be able to play the harp as a matter of course, just as an American or English girl is supposed to play the

A few specimens of very early Anglo-Saxon music remain, says an Exahange; as, for example, the music to the "Praise of Virginity," and to other poems by St. Aldehelm; but we cannot interpret their peculiar notation—it is decidedly imperfect and misleading. I was represented by a red line and misleading. F was represented by a red line and C by a yellow line, and singing marks or names were written between these lines, but the time is quite indefinite. As to harmony, considerable prog-ress must have been made, since the nation used the harp and organ, and this implies some knowl-

the harp and organ, and this implies some knowledge of concordant sounds.

It is claimed that the Anglo-Saxons' secular music was plaintive. Doubtless this was the ease, for melancholy played a considerable part in their moods. The philosophy of Schopenhaner has a natural basis in the Teutonic nature; and among other rich deposits this possesses a strong vein of preciping of the property of the property of the process of t pessimism. It must have found expression in Saxon poetry.

AN AMERICAN MUSICIAN.

The popularity of Sonsa and his standing as a composer is a constant theme of comment in musieal and literary circles. His evolution, so to speak from an orehestra player at \$15 a week to bandmas ter of the Marine Band at \$1800 a year, and from that to his present position as composer and band-master, with an income of over \$50,000 a year, is certainly a remarkable achievement, and is not based upon "accident," as a writer put it some time ago.

There is nothing "aeeidental" leading up to success in all of Sousa's eareer. By hard and ineessant study, by cultivating and expanding his talents and natural gifts, and through devotion to a purpose, determination and undeviating application of energies Sousa has carryed out for himself the most energies, Sonsa has earved out for himself the most brilliant eareer of any young man of his years in America, unaided and alone. His music is more often played, is more universally known, and more

often played, is more universally known, and more demanded by the peoples of the two hemispheres than that of any composer, living or dead. There is no "accident" in these achievements.

Sonsa is not by any means a "one-sided" man, which is the "weakness" of many musicians. Ask him about the literature of the day, the last and the best books, he'll tell you readily about them. Ask him about the nusice of the hour, or past days, or past decades. Snegest the national crises of the times, you'll find him ready enough. Call up the poets, you'll find him familiar with them also. And if not satisfied then, go into history. If there is any little thing you omit, he will prompt you. If you should still be curious, ask him if he has ever indulged in belles-lettres. He might turn to the magazines and show you some rare articles over the sigzines and show you some rare articles over the sig-nature of John Philip Sousa.

SILENT MUSIC.

There is one species of music which ought not to be forgotten. It is perhaps the most extraordinary kind of music in the world. I refer to the silent concerts of the Japanese. These performances are given during ecrtain Shinto festivals. It is thought that were the sound to fall on unworthy ears the sanctity of the occasion would be profaned. Although, therefore, both stringed and wind instruments are used, and all the motions of playing are executed, no strains are emitted. This is done by no means as a joke. It may be regarded as an instance of the esoterical secreey in which the hereditary musicians of Japan endeavor to shroud from imitators their knowledge of a divine art. Viewed in this light, the idea is poetical. Longfellow must have been imbued with a similar feeling when he wrote: "Peace seemed to reign upon earth; and the restless heart of the occan was for a moment consoled. All sounds were in Harmony blended."

TRUE EXPRESSION.

Expression develops with experience in life. Specifically, in playing or in singing, expression "must be the result of right feeling, noble and elevating thoughts, intelligent conceptions of what the music means—all this erowned with a becoming himility. In other words, true expression can come only from within." This dietum is by no means new, but the London Nonconformist Journal for June presents some helpful thoughts in connection with it. To

quote:
"Nothing can be so conducive to a cultivation of the higher emotions as the contemplation and study of beauty in all its forms. Chief of all agents for eultivating and developing taste is music. If or-chestral and choral concerts are within reach, students must on no account miss hearing them. remote country places, where recitals cannot be hak, the teacher must play and play often the most hak, the teacher must play and play often the most expressive music he can—music suggesting nobility, sweetness, contentment, happiness, grief, joy, etc. Symphonics and large orchestral works may be studied as piano duets, and the pupil must notice the entry of the different instruments. The full score must be used in such practice, however. Besides this, the teacher must again set the pupils' powers of imagination to work by describing other sublime forms of music; for instance, that of the massive cathedral with its wonderful pillars and arches and 'dim, religious light,' and so-describe it that the pupil may in his heart hear the 'organ blow to the sweet-toned choir below,' not forgetting to that the pupil may in his heart hear the 'organ blow to the sweet-toned choir below,' not forgetting to mention the many historical and musical associations of the grand eathedrals. The music of a military band is often charming under certain circumstances; for instance, if it can be heard as one floats down a stream with the high-wooded banks topped with a castle, or cathedral, or palace. The music of a full chime of bells at evening has a peculiar charm of its own. Many other things will naturally suggest themselves to the progressive and educated teacher. In fact, nothing must be left undone to stimulate the imagination and stir the emotional nature of those studying with any sincerity done to stimulate the imagination and stir the emo-tional nature of those studying with any sineerity of aim; and as they grow gradually to see beauty in everything, in art and in nature, their whole be-ing will glow with gennine lofty feeling, high aspi-rations, ambition and noble resolve. Until this condition is reached, expressive (and, incidentally, impressive) playing need not be expected."

WHEN ONLY MEN PLAYED.

"Two hundred years ago no one thought of a girl playing the piano. Only men played."
Of course, strictly speaking, two hundred years ago neither girls nor men played the piano as we to-day understand it, says an exchange, for the instrument had not yet completed its evolution from the virginal and claviehord to the creation of Cristofori. Nor had the piano arrived at anything like its Nor had the piano arrived at anything like its present-day dignity and splender one hundred years ago. It is within a month that America's oldest piano industry eelebrated its seventy-fifth anniver-sary, and back of its beginning there had been little pianoforte progress even in the old world.

So that it is not strange that the girls of two cen-

turies back did not play the piano. It was all that the men could do, and not very well, either. But if the men began it, the facility with which the girls have of late years fallen into the habit more than makes up for their carly day lack of cuthusiasm. makes up for their carry day lack of cuminisasm. Besides, two hundred years ago the ladies did not take part in any of life's activities as they do today. Even the stage had not long been graced by the presence of the ladies in prominent dramatic parts, and the men monopolized every opportunity of promotion and public nonularity.

But music largely belongs to the girls, and they were not long in taking possession of the piano when it reached the point of practicability, and permitted of sentiment, delieacy and feeling, rather than an exposition of strength and muscular agility. Even to day we have with us some of the prejudice which surrounded the ladies in public life in the

To return again to the item about the piano play-To return again to the item about the piano players of two hundred years ago, we will wager that there was not so much good music then—we mean in proportion to population or number of players—as there is now. We mean by this that when all pi ano players were men there was a very poor average of piano music. For, as a rule, the girls play the best. The men who dazzle the world are phenomenal. They have generally the feminine sentiment and fineness of feeling, backed and made vigorous by the masculine strength and will. But, among the average piano players, the girls are the best interpreters of the popular music.

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Verdi has gone for a holiday to the Baths of Montecatini. The veteran composer is said to be in excellent health.

Madam Cosima Wagner, on leaving Londou, went on a visit to Humperdinek, at Boppard, on the

Lady Halle, better known under the former name of Norman Neruda, the well-known English violiuist, is coming to the United States next autumn on a professional tournee.

Signor Mancinelli has contributed to the "Æolian Quarterly," an article descriptive of his opera "Ero et Leandro." He entirely disclaims the suggestion that he had been influenced at all by Wagner, and he declares—"In composing the music I determined to follow the lines laid down by Verdi, especially in his last two operas, 'Otello' and 'Falstaff,' and I believe that all my countrymen will benefit and advance national art by following in those footsteps."

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Mme. Teresina Tua is on her homeward journey to Italy from an extensive concert tour which has eovered Siberia and nearly all the cities of Northern and Central Russia. Her husband, who is quite a pianist, was a member of the eoneert party which popularized in that part of the world the modern Italian composers.

The London County Conneil is considering a petition in favor of a municipal opera-house, to be supported by local taxation. The object is to establish a permauent opera house where music will be taught to the masses and cucouragement offered to varying extists whose ambition tends in the direction taught to the masses and encouragement offered to young artists whose ambition tends in the direction of grand opera. The petition is signed by the Duke of Westminster, Earl Speneer, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Asquith, Mr. John Morley, Sir. John Gorst. Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Justice Chitty, and the Attorncy-General. The petition is also signed by Sir Henry Irving, Mnne. Mary Anderson de Navarro, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Sir John Stainer, Sir Squire Baneroft, Mr. Pinero, Mr. Burnand, Sir W. B. Richmond, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Watts, Mr. Onslow Ford, Sir Walter Besant, Mr. J. M. Barrie, Sir Martin Conway, Mr. George Meredith, Dr. Conan Doyle, and Mr. Frederic Harrison. The matter is being taken seriously by the London Council, and the press has also given the movement the and the press has also given the movement the benefit of its influence.

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Life were intolerable now to most under the con-

Life were intolerable now to most under the conditions existent in the period within the memory of our grandfathers, and to go back to the conditions of two thousand years ago were death itself to many. True, there was luxury in those days—luxury in many places to which the indulgences of the most luxury-loving of modern Sybarites would seem but the plebeian necessities of life; beds of rose leaves, in literal fact, may have been the lot of a Roman emperor: his progress may have caused rose leaves, in literal faet, may have been the lot of a Roman emperor; his progress may have eansed the awe of thousands in its magnificence and splendor, but he eouldn't travel across the continent with the tireless servant, Steam, and there are numerous other things he couldn't do.

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Miss Sybil Sanderson, who recently married Antonio Terry, and was reported last March as having developed an insidious form of paralysis of the lower limbs, and who it was feared at the time would never be able to appear on the stage again, is back in Paris uow in so much better health that it is likely she will have entirely recovered by

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